**Representative Derrin R. Owens** proposes the following substitute bill:

1	ACCESS UTAH PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
2	2019 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Derrin R. Owens
5	Senate Sponsor:
6 7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill creates the Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program and amends and repeals
10	certain other scholarship programs.
11	Highlighted Provisions:
12	This bill:
13	<ul><li>defines terms;</li></ul>
14	<ul> <li>creates the Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program;</li> </ul>
15	enacts provisions related to promise scholarships, including provisions related to:
16	eligibility; and
17	<ul> <li>the amount awarded for a promise scholarship;</li> </ul>
18	<ul><li>enacts provisions related to promise partner awards, including provisions related to:</li></ul>
19	<ul> <li>eligibility, including requirements for employers who intend to participate as</li> </ul>
20	promise partners; and
21	<ul> <li>administration of the program;</li> </ul>
22	<ul> <li>prohibits the State Board of Regents (board) and institutions of higher education</li> </ul>
23	from accepting applications for certain previously authorized scholarships after
24	certain dates;
25	<ul> <li>allows an individual who received certain scholarships before certain dates to</li> </ul>



20	receive the scholarships that the end of the scholarship term,
27	amends provisions related to a Regents' scholarship including:
28	<ul> <li>the maximum amount of a Regents' scholarship;</li> </ul>
29	<ul> <li>the postsecondary institutions at which a student may use a Regents'</li> </ul>
30	scholarship; and
31	<ul> <li>allowable uses for a Regents' scholarship;</li> </ul>
32	<ul> <li>requires the board to make administrative rules;</li> </ul>
33	<ul> <li>allows the board to use certain existing funds for administrative costs associated</li> </ul>
34	with certain scholarships;
35	<ul><li>provides repeal dates; and</li></ul>
36	<ul> <li>makes technical and conforming changes.</li> </ul>
37	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
38	This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2020:
39	► to the State Board of Regents – Student Assistance – Access Utah Promise
40	Scholarship Program, as a one-time appropriation:
41	• from the Education Fund, One-time, \$30,000,000.
42	Other Special Clauses:
43	This bill provides a coordination clause.
44	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
45	AMENDS:
46	53B-6-105, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapters 210 and 370
47	53B-6-105.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 49
48	53B-6-105.7, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 210
49	53B-8-105, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 386
50	53B-8-112, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 426
51	53B-8-201, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 386
52	63G-12-402, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 386
53	63I-2-253, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 107, 281, 382, 415, and
54	456
55	63I-2-263, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 38, 95, 382, and 469
56	ENACTS:

	53B-8-114, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	53B-8-301, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	53B-8-302, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	53B-8-303, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	<b>53B-8-304</b> , Utah Code Annotated 1953
	REPEALS:
	53B-8-113, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 426
	Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:
	53B-1-301, Utah Code Annotated 1953
-	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section <b>53B-6-105</b> is amended to read:
	53B-6-105. Engineering and Computer Technology Initiative.
	(1) The Legislature recognizes that a significant increase in the number of engineering,
	computer science, and related technology graduates from the state system of higher education is
	required over the next several years to advance the intellectual, cultural, social, and economic
	well-being of the state and its citizens.
	(2) (a) (i) The [State Board of Regents] board shall therefore develop, establish, and
	maintain an Engineering and Computer Science Initiative within the state system of higher
	education to double the number of graduates in engineering, computer science, and related
	technology by 2006 and triple the number of graduates by 2009.
	(ii) The board shall make [a rule] rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
	Administrative Rulemaking Act, providing the criteria for those fields of study that qualify as
	"related technology" under this section and [Sections 53B-6-105.7 and] Section 53B-6-105.9.
	(b) The initiative shall include components that:
	(i) improve the quality of instructional programs in engineering, computer science, and
	related technology by providing supplemental money for equipment purchases; and
	[(ii) provide incentives to:]
	[(A) students through a scholarship program under Section 53B-6-105.7; and]
	[(B)] (ii) provide incentives to institutions to hire and retain faculty under Section
	53B-6-105.9.

88	(3) The increase in program capacity under Subsection (2)(a) shall include funding for
89	new and renovated capital facilities and funding for new engineering and computer science
90	programs.
91	(4) The Legislature shall provide an annual appropriation to the [State Board of
92	Regents] board to fund the initiative.
93	Section 2. Section <b>53B-6-105.5</b> is amended to read:
94	53B-6-105.5. Technology Initiative Advisory Board Composition Duties.
95	(1) There is created a Technology Initiative Advisory Board to assist and make
96	recommendations to the State Board of Regents in its administration of the Engineering and
97	Computer Science Initiative established under Section 53B-6-105.
98	(2) (a) The advisory board shall consist of individuals appointed by the governor from
99	business and industry who have expertise in the areas of engineering, computer science, and
100	related technologies.
101	(b) The advisory board shall select a chair and cochair.
102	(c) The advisory board shall meet at the call of the chair.
103	(d) The State Board of Regents, through the commissioner of higher education, shall
104	provide staff support for the advisory board.
105	(3) A member of an advisory board may not receive compensation or benefits for the
106	member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
107	(a) Section 63A-3-106;
108	(b) Section 63A-3-107; and
109	(c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and
110	63A-3-107.
111	(4) The advisory board shall:
112	(a) make recommendations to the State Board of Regents on the allocation and
113	distribution of money appropriated to fund:
114	(i) the faculty incentive program established in Section 53B-6-105.9; <u>and</u>
115	(ii) equipment purchases required to improve the quality of instructional programs in
116	engineering, computer science, and related technology; [and]
117	[(iii) the scholarship program established in Section 53B-6-105.7.]
118	(b) prepare a strategic plan that details actions required by the State Board of Regents

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119	to meet the intent of the Engineering and Technology Science Initiative;
120	(c) review and assess engineering, computer science, and related technology programs
121	currently being offered at higher education institutions and their impact on the economic
122	prosperity of the state;
123	(d) provide the State Board of Regents with an assessment and reporting plan that:
124	(i) measures results against expectations under the initiative, including verification of
125	the matching requirements for institutions of higher education to receive money under Section
126	53B-6-105.9; and
127	(ii) includes an analysis of market demand for technical employment, program
128	articulation among higher education institutions in engineering, computer science, and related
129	technology, tracking of student placement, student admission to the initiative program by
130	region, transfer rates, and retention in and graduation rates from the initiative program; and
131	(e) make an annual report of its activities to the State Board of Regents.
132	(5) The annual report of the Technology Initiative Advisory Board shall include the
133	summary report of the institutional matches described in Section 53B-6-105.9.
134	Section 3. Section <b>53B-6-105.7</b> is amended to read:
135	53B-6-105.7. Initiative student scholarship program.
136	(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, beginning on July 1, 2019, the board
137	may not accept new applications for a scholarship described in this section.
138	[(1)] (2) (a) There is established an engineering, computer science, and related
139	technology scholarship program as a component of the initiative created in Section 53B-6-105.
140	(b) The program is established to recruit, retain, and train engineering, computer
141	science, and related technology students to assist in providing for and advancing the intellectual
142	and economic welfare of the state.
143	[(2)] (3) (a) The board:
144	(i) may make rules for the overall administration of the scholarship program in
145	accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

- accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
- (ii) shall administer the program in consultation with the Technology Initiative Advisory Board created in Section 53B-6-105.5.
- (b) The board shall also use the following policies and procedures in administering the student scholarship program:

150 (i) students may use scholarship money at any institution within the state system of higher education that offers an engineering, computer science, or related technology degree; 151 (ii) scholarships shall be given to students who declare an intent to complete a 152 prescribed course of instruction in one of the areas referred to in Subsection [(2)] (3)(b)(i) and 153 154 to work in the state after graduation in one of those areas; and 155 (iii) a scholarship may be cancelled at any time by the institution of attendance, if the 156 student fails to make reasonable progress towards obtaining the degree or there appears to be a 157 reasonable certainty that the student does not intend to work in the state upon graduation. [(3) (a) By June 1 of each year, the Technology Initiative Advisory Board shall 158 159 recommend to the board a distribution of the scholarship funds to institutions in the state 160 system of higher education, based on a formula.] 161 (b) The Technology Initiative Advisory Board shall develop the formula for distribution of total scholarship funds to the institutions, which shall contain the following 162 163 components: 164 (i) the number of graduates of engineering, computer science, and related technology 165 degrees from the previous year; (ii) the number and level of engineering, computer science, and related technology 166 167 degrees offered at an institution; and 168 (iii) the length of each engineering, computer science, and related technology degree 169 offered at an institution. 170 (4) The Legislature shall make an annual appropriation to the board to fund the student scholarship program created in this section. 171 172 Section 4. Section **53B-8-105** is amended to read: 173 53B-8-105. New Century scholarships -- High school requirements. (1) As used in this section, "complete the requirements for an associate degree" means 174 175 that a student: (a) (i) completes all the required courses for an associate degree from a higher 176 177 education institution within the state system of higher education that offers associate degrees; 178 and 179 (ii) applies for the associate degree from the institution; or 180 (b) completes equivalent requirements described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) from a higher

181	education institution within the state system of higher education that offers baccalaureate
182	degrees but does not offer associate degrees.
183	(2) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, beginning on October 1, 2019,
184	the board may not accept new applications for a scholarship described in this section.
185	(b) The board shall award New Century scholarships.
186	[(b)] (c) The board shall develop and approve the math and science curriculum
187	described under Subsection (3)(a)(ii).
188	(3) (a) In order to qualify for a New Century scholarship, a student in Utah schools
189	shall complete the requirements for an:
190	(i) associate degree; or
191	(ii) approved math and science curriculum.
192	(b) The requirements under Subsection (3)(a) shall be completed:
193	(i) (A) for a student whose class graduates from high school in 2010 or before, by
194	September 1 of the year the student's class graduates from high school; or
195	(B) for a student whose class graduates from high school in 2011 or after, by the day on
196	which the student's class graduates from high school; and
197	(ii) with at least a 3.0 grade point average.
198	(c) In addition to the requirements in Subsection (3)(a), a student in Utah schools
199	whose class graduates from high school in 2011 or after shall:
200	(i) complete the high school graduation requirements of:
201	(A) a public high school established by the State Board of Education and the student's
202	school district or charter school; or
203	(B) a private high school in the state that is accredited by a regional accrediting body
204	approved by the board; and
205	(ii) complete high school with at least a 3.5 cumulative high school grade point
206	average.
207	(4) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), for a student who does not receive a high school
208	grade point average, the student shall:
209	(a) complete the requirements for an associate degree:
210	(i) (A) for a student who completes high school in 2010 or before, by September 1 of
211	the year the student completes high school; or

212	(B) for a student who completes high school in 2011 or after, by June 15 of the year the
213	student completes high school; and
214	(ii) with at least a 3.0 grade point average; and
215	(b) score a composite ACT score of 26 or higher.
216	(5) To be eligible for the scholarship, a student:
217	(a) shall submit an application to the board with:
218	(i) an official college transcript showing college courses the student has completed to
219	complete the requirements for an associate degree; and
220	(ii) (A) if applicable, an official high school transcript; or
221	(B) if applicable, a copy of the student's ACT scores;
222	(b) shall be a citizen of the United States or a noncitizen who is eligible to receive
223	federal student aid;
224	(c) may not have a criminal record, with the exception of a misdemeanor traffic
225	citation; and
226	(d) if applicable, shall meet the application deadlines as established by the board under
227	Subsection (10).
228	(6) (a) The scholarship may be used at a:
229	(i) higher education institution within the state system of higher education that offers
230	baccalaureate programs; or
231	(ii) private, nonprofit college or university in the state accredited by the Northwest
232	Association of Schools and Colleges that offers baccalaureate programs.
233	(b) For a student whose class graduates from high school in 2010 and who completes
234	the requirements under Subsection (3)(a) by September 1, 2010:
235	(i) if used at an institution described in Subsection (6)(a)(i), the value of the
236	scholarship is up to 75% of the tuition costs at the selected institution; or
237	(ii) if used at an institution described in Subsection (6)(a)(ii), the value of the
238	scholarship is up to 75% of the tuition costs at the institution, not to exceed 75% of the average
239	tuition costs at the institutions referred in Subsection (6)(a)(i).
240	(c) (i) For a student whose class graduates in 2011 or after and who completes the
241	requirements under this section, the total value of the scholarship is up to \$5,000, allocated
242	over a time period described in Subsection (6)(d), as prescribed by the board.

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243 (ii) The board may increase the scholarship amount described in Subsection (6)(c)(i) by 244 an amount not to exceed the average percentage tuition increase approved by the board for 245 institutions in the state system of higher education. 246 (d) The scholarship is valid for the shortest of the following time periods: 247 (i) two years of full-time equivalent enrollment; 248 (ii) 60 credit hours; or 249 (iii) until the student meets the requirements for a baccalaureate degree. 250 (e) (i) A scholarship holder shall enroll full-time at a higher education institution by no 251 later than the fall term immediately following the student's high school graduation date or 252 receive an approved deferral from the board. 253 (ii) The board may grant a deferral or leave of absence to a scholarship holder, but the 254 student may only receive scholarship money within five years of the student's high school 255 graduation date. 256 (7) The board may cancel a New Century scholarship at any time if the student fails to: 257 (a) register for at least 15 credit hours per semester; 258 (b) maintain a 3.3 grade point average for two consecutive semesters; or 259 (c) make reasonable progress toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree. 260 (8) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall make an annual 261 appropriation from the General Fund to the board for the costs associated with the New 262 Century Scholarship Program authorized under this section. 263 (b) It is understood that the appropriation is offset in part by the state money that would 264 otherwise be required and appropriated for these students if they were enrolled in a four-year 265 postsecondary program at a state-operated institution. 266 (c) Notwithstanding Subsections (2)[(a)] (b) and (6), if the appropriation under 267 Subsection (8)(a) is insufficient to cover the costs associated with the New Century Scholarship 268 Program, the board may reduce the scholarship amount. 269 (9) (a) The board shall adopt policies establishing an application process and an appeal 270 process for a New Century scholarship. 271 (b) The board shall disclose on all applications and related materials that the amount of

the scholarship is subject to funding and may be reduced, in accordance with Subsection (8)(c).

(c) The board shall require an applicant for a New Century scholarship to certify under

274	penalty of perjury that:
275	(i) the applicant is a United States citizen; or
276	(ii) the applicant is a noncitizen who is eligible to receive federal student aid.
277	(d) The certification under this Subsection (9) shall include a statement advising the
278	signer that providing false information subjects the signer to penalties for perjury.
279	(10) The board may set deadlines for receiving New Century scholarship applications
280	and supporting documentation.
281	(11) A student may not receive both a New Century scholarship and a Regents'
282	scholarship established in Part 2, Regents' Scholarship Program.
283	Section 5. Section <b>53B-8-112</b> is amended to read:
284	53B-8-112. Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program.
285	(1) The Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program is created.
286	(2) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions in this section, the board may not reimburse an
287	individual for an academic year that begins on or after July 1, 2019.
288	(b) Subject to legislative appropriations and Subsection (7) the board shall reimburse
289	an applicant who:
290	[(a)] (i) is a certified peace officer, currently employed by a law enforcement agency
291	within the state;
292	[(b)] (ii) has been employed as a certified peace officer for three or more consecutive
293	years;
294	[(c)] (iii) is seeking a post-secondary degree in the area of criminal justice from a
295	credit-granting higher education institution within the state system of higher education,
296	described in Section 53B-1-102; and
297	[(d)] (iv) is employed as a peace officer for one year following completion of the
298	academic year for which the individual is seeking reimbursement.
299	(3) Individuals who qualify for reimbursement from the Public Safety Officer Career
300	Advancement Reimbursement [program] Program may apply for reimbursement by July 1 one
301	year after each academic year for which they are requesting reimbursement.
302	(4) Subject to Legislative appropriations, of the funds appropriated for the [Peace]
303	Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program:
304	(a) 25% of the annual appropriation shall be designated for applicants who are

305	currently employed by a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in a county of the third or
306	fourth class; and
307	(b) 12% of the annual appropriation shall be designated for applicants who are
308	currently employed by a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in a county of the fifth or
309	sixth class.
310	(5) (a) A qualified applicant may be reimbursed up to half of the cost of tuition and
311	fees.
312	(b) A reimbursement under Subsection (5)(a) is limited to:
313	(i) a maximum of \$5,000 each academic year; and
314	(ii) a maximum of eight academic years.
315	(6) (a) The board shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
316	Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:
317	(i) set deadlines for receiving reimbursement applications and supporting
318	documentation; and
319	(ii) establish the application process and an appeal process for a reimbursement from
320	the [Peace] Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program, including
321	procedures to allow for online application submittals.
322	(b) The board shall include a disclosure on all applications and related materials that
323	the amount of the awarded reimbursements may be subject to funding or be reduced, in
324	accordance with Subsection (7).
325	(7) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall make an annual
326	appropriation from the Education Fund to the board for the costs associated with the [Peace]
327	Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program authorized under this
328	section.
329	(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if the appropriation under this
330	section is insufficient to cover the costs associated with the [Peace] Public Safety Officer
331	Career Advancement Reimbursement Program, the board may reduce the amount of a
332	reimbursement.
333	(c) Any individual who is denied reimbursement because of insufficient funds
334	appropriated may re-apply for reimbursement up to two years after the first year of eligibility.

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Section 6. Section **53B-8-114** is enacted to read:

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336	53B-8-114. Continuation of previously authorized scholarships.
337	(1) As used in this section:
338	(a) "Institution of higher education" means an institution that awards money through a
339	program described in Subsection (2)(a).
340	(b) "Scholarship term" means the length of time during which an individual is eligible
341	to receive award money through a program described in Subsection (2)(a).
342	(2) The board or an institution of higher education:
343	(a) may not accept a new application:
344	(i) beginning on July 1, 2019, for an award described in:
345	(A) Section 53B-6-105.7, which describes engineering and computer technology
346	scholarships; or
347	(B) Section 53B-8-112, which describes a reimbursement for public safety officers;
348	<u>and</u>
349	(ii) beginning on October 1, 2019, for an award described in Section 53B-8-105, which
350	describes New Century scholarships; and
351	(b) may pay, through the end of the scholarship term, an award through a program
352	described in Subsection (2)(a) to an individual whose application for the program was accepted
353	before the applicable date described in Subsection (2)(a).
354	Section 7. Section <b>53B-8-201</b> is amended to read:
355	53B-8-201. Regents' Scholarship Program.
356	(1) As used in this section:
357	(a) "Eligible institution" means[:(i) a credit-granting] an institution of higher education
358	within the state system of higher education described in Section 53B-1-102[; or].
359	[(ii) a private, nonprofit college or university in the state that is accredited by the
360	Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.]
361	(b) "Eligible student" means a student who:
362	(i) applies to the board in accordance with the rules described in Subsection (6);
363	(ii) is enrolled in an eligible institution; and
364	(iii) meets the criteria established by the board in rules described in Subsection (6).
365	(c) "Fee" means:
366	(i) for an eligible institution that is part of the Utah System of Higher Education, a fee

367	approved by the board; or
368	(ii) for an eligible institution that is a technical college, a fee approved by the eligible
369	institution.
370	[(c)] (d) "Program" means the Regents' Scholarship Program described in this section.
371	(2) (a) A student who graduates from high school after July 1, 2018:
372	(i) may receive a Regents' scholarship in accordance with this section; and
373	(ii) may not [may] receive a scholarship in accordance with Sections 53B-8-202
374	through 53B-8-205.
375	(b) A student who graduates from high school on or before July 1, 2018:
376	(i) may receive a scholarship in accordance with Sections 53B-8-202 through
377	53B-8-205; and
378	(ii) may not receive a Regents' scholarship in accordance with this section.
379	(3) (a) Subject to legislative appropriations and Subsection (3)(d), beginning with an
380	appropriation for fiscal year 2019, the board shall annually distribute money for the Regents'
381	Scholarship Program described in this section to each eligible institution to award as Regents'
382	scholarships to eligible students.
383	(b) The board shall annually determine the amount of a Regents' scholarship based on:
384	(i) the number of eligible students in the state; and
385	(ii) money available for the program.
386	(c) The board shall annually determine the total amount of money to distribute to an
387	eligible institution based on the eligible institution's share of all eligible students in the state.
388	[(d) An eligible institution that is a private, nonprofit college or university shall, to
389	receive money distributed by the board described in Subsection (3)(a), enter into a written
390	agreement with the board in which the eligible institution agrees to:]
391	[(i) provide the board with access to information and data necessary for the purposes of
392	the program; and]
393	[(ii) comply with an audit by the board described in Subsection (5) if the board
394	conducts an audit.]
395	(4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b) or (c), an eligible institution shall
396	provide to an eligible student a Regents' scholarship in the amount determined by the board
397	described in Subsection (3)(b).

398	(b) [An] For a Regents' scholarship for which an eligible student applies on or before
399	July 1, 2019, an eligible institution may reduce the amount of [a] the Regents' scholarship
400	[provided to an eligible student] based on other state aid awarded to the eligible student for
401	tuition and fees.
402	(c) For a Regents' scholarship for which an eligible student applies after July 1, 2019:
403	(i) an eligible institution shall reduce the amount of the Regents' scholarship so that the
404	total amount of state aid awarded to the eligible student, including the Regents' scholarship,
405	does not exceed the cost of the eligible student's tuition and fees; and
406	(ii) the eligible student may only use the Regents' scholarship for tuition and fees.
407	(5) The board may:
408	(a) audit an eligible institution's administration of Regents' scholarships; and
409	(b) require an eligible institution to repay to the board money distributed to the eligible
410	institution under this section that is not provided to an eligible student as a Regents'
411	scholarship.
412	(6) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
413	the board shall make rules that establish:
414	[(a)] (i) requirements related to an eligible institution's administration of Regents'
415	scholarships;
416	[(b)] (ii) a process for a student to apply to the board to determine the student's
417	eligibility for a Regents' scholarship;
418	[(e)] (iii) criteria to determine a student's eligibility for a Regents' scholarship,
419	including:
420	[(i)] (A) minimum secondary education academic performance standards;
421	[(ii)] (B) the completion of secondary core curriculum and graduation requirements;
422	[(iii)] (C) the completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid;
423	[(iv)] (D) need-based measures that address college affordability and access; and
424	[v) <u>(E)</u> minimum enrollment requirements in an eligible institution; and
425	[(d)] (iv) a requirement for each eligible institution to annually report to the board on
426	all Regents' scholarships awarded by the eligible institution.
427	(b) In making rules described in Subsection (6)(a) that apply to a technical college, the
428	hoard shall consult with the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees

429	(7) The board shall annually report on the program to the Higher Education
430	Appropriations Subcommittee.
431	(8) (a) The State Board of Education, a school district, or a public high school shall
432	cooperate with the board and eligible institutions to facilitate the program, including by
433	exchanging relevant data where allowed by law.
434	(b) The State Board of Education shall annually provide to the board a list of directory
435	information, including name and address, for each grade 8 student in the state.
436	(9) Notwithstanding the provisions in this section, a private, nonprofit college or
437	university in the state that is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and
438	Universities is an eligible institution for purposes of providing a Regents' scholarship to an
439	eligible student who applies for a Regents' scholarship on or before July 1, 2019.
440	(10) If money appropriated under this section is available after Regents' scholarships
441	are awarded, the board shall use the money for the Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program
442	created in Section 53B-8-302.
443	Section 8. Section <b>53B-8-301</b> is enacted to read:
444	Part 3. Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program
445	<b>53B-8-301.</b> Definitions.
446	As used in this part:
447	(1) "Access Utah promise scholarship" or "promise scholarship" means a scholarship
448	described in Section 53B-8-303.
449	(2) "Eligible individual" means an individual who:
450	(a) applies for a promise scholarship in accordance with Section 53B-8-303; and
451	(b) meets the eligibility requirements described in Section 53B-8-303.
452	(3) "Fee" means:
453	(a) for an institution that is part of the Utah System of Higher Education, a fee
454	approved by the board; or
455	(b) for an institution that is a technical college, a fee approved by the institution.
456	(4) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means an institution described in
457	Section 53B-1-102.
458	(5) "Membership hour" means 60 minutes of scheduled instruction provided by an
459	institution to a student enrolled in a noncredit certificate program.

460	(6) "Partner award" means a financial award described in Section 53B-8-304.
461	(7) "Promise partner" means an employer that participates in the program described in
462	Section 53B-8-304.
463	Section 9. Section <b>53B-8-302</b> is enacted to read:
464	53B-8-302. Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program.
465	(1) There is created the Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program, which includes:
466	(a) promise scholarships described Section 53B-8-303; and
467	(b) partner awards described in Section 53B-8-304.
468	(2) The board may not allocate more than 20% of a legislative appropriation for the
469	Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program for partner awards.
470	Section 10. Section <b>53B-8-303</b> is enacted to read:
471	53B-8-303. Access Utah promise scholarships.
472	(1) An individual may apply for a promise scholarship in accordance with the rules
473	described in Subsection (8).
474	(2) An individual is eligible to receive a promise scholarship if the individual:
475	(a) (i) has a high school diploma or the equivalent; and
476	(ii) does not have an associate or higher postsecondary degree;
477	(b) demonstrates financial need, in accordance with the rules described in Subsection
478	<u>(8);</u>
479	(c) is a Utah resident;
480	(d) enrolls in an institution; and
481	(e) accepts all other grants and scholarships offered to the individual to attend the
482	institution in which the individual enrolls.
483	(3) Subject to legislative appropriations, and in accordance with the rules described in
484	Subsection (8), the board shall annually distribute money for promise scholarships to each
485	<u>institution.</u>
486	(4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(d), an institution shall award a promise
487	scholarship to an eligible individual.
488	(b) For a promise scholarship recipient, an institution shall:
489	(i) evaluate the recipient's knowledge, skills, and competencies acquired through
490	formal or informal education outside the traditional postsecondary academic environment; and

491	(ii) award credit, as applicable, for the recipient's prior learning described in Subsection
492	(4)(b)(i).
493	(c) An institution shall award a promise scholarship in an amount that is equal to the
494	difference between:
495	(i) the total cost of tuition and fees for the program in which the recipient is enrolled;
496	<u>and</u>
497	(ii) the total value of all other grants, fee waivers, and scholarships received by the
498	recipient to attend the institution.
499	(d) If an institution's distribution described in Subsection (3) is insufficient to award a
500	promise scholarship to each eligible individual in the amount described in Subsection (4)(c),
501	the institution:
502	(i) shall, when possible, use other funding sources to fully fund the amount described
503	in Subsection (4)(c) for each eligible individual; and
504	(ii) may prioritize promise scholarships based on financial need in accordance with the
505	rules described in Subsection (8).
506	(e) An institution may use up to 3% of the institution's distribution described in
507	Subsection (3) for administration.
508	(5) (a) Subject to Subsection (5)(b), an institution shall continue to award a promise
509	scholarship to a recipient who meets the requirements established by the board in the rules
510	described in Subsection (8) until the earliest of the following:
511	(i) two years after the individual initially receives a promise scholarship;
512	(ii) the recipient uses a promise scholarship to attend an institution for four semesters;
513	(iii) the recipient completes the requirements for an associate degree; or
514	(iv) if the recipient attends an institution that does not offer associate degrees, the
515	recipient has 60 earned credit hours.
516	(b) A recipient may not use a promise scholarship to complete more than 900
517	membership hours.
518	(6) A recipient may only use a promise scholarship for tuition and fees.
519	(7) A promise scholarship is transferable between institutions.
520	(8) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
521	and Subsection (8)(b), the board shall make rules to establish:

522	(i) requirements related to whether an individual is eligible for a promise scholarship,
523	including:
524	(A) a process for an eligible individual to defer a promise scholarship;
525	(B) how an individual demonstrates financial need for purposes of receiving a promise
526	scholarship; and
527	(C) how to determine whether an individual is a Utah resident;
528	(ii) a process and requirements for an individual to apply for a promise scholarship;
529	(iii) a formula to determine the distributions to each institution described in Subsection
530	(3) that takes into account:
531	(A) the cost of tuition and fees for programs offered by institutions; and
532	(B) the number of eligible individuals who attend each institution;
533	(iv) how an institution may prioritize awarding scholarships based on the financial
534	needs of eligible individuals;
535	(v) conditions a recipient is required to meet to continue to receive a promise
536	scholarship, including requirements related to academic achievement and enrollment status;
537	and
538	(vi) a requirement that in communicating about promise scholarships to recipients and
539	potential recipients, the board and institutions do not portray the Access Utah Promise
540	Scholarship Program as a program that is guaranteed to be in effect indefinitely.
541	(b) In making the rules described in Subsection (8)(a), the board shall consult with the
542	<u>Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees.</u>
543	(9) On or before November 1 each year, the board shall report to the Higher Education
544	Appropriations Subcommittee regarding promise scholarships, including:
545	(a) the number of scholarships awarded; and
546	(b) whether the promise scholarship program is effective in helping underserved
547	students access higher education.
548	Section 11. Section <b>53B-8-304</b> is enacted to read:
549	53B-8-304. Utah promise partners.
550	(1) In consultation with the Talent Ready Utah Center created in Section 63N-12-502,
551	and in accordance with Subsection (2), the board shall select employers to be promise partners.
552	(2) The board may select an employer as a promise partner if the employer:

553	(a) applies to the board to be a promise partner; and
554	(b) meets other requirements established by the board in the rules described in
555	Subsection (5).
556	(3) An individual employed by a promise partner is eligible to receive a partner award
557	if the individual:
558	(a) applies for a partner award;
559	(b) is admitted to and enrolled in an institution;
560	(c) is a Utah resident;
561	(d) does not have an associate or higher postsecondary degree;
562	(e) meets requirements established by the promise partner related to a partner award;
563	<u>and</u>
564	(f) maintains the eligibility requirements described in this Subsection (3) for the full
565	length of time the individual receives the partner award.
566	(4) (a) Subject to legislative appropriations and Subsection (4)(b), the board shall
567	award a partner award to an individual who meets the requirements described in Subsection
568	<u>(3).</u>
569	(b) The board may:
570	(i) award a partner award for up to the portion of tuition and fees for a program at an
571	institution that is not covered by an employer reimbursement described in Subsection (5)(b);
572	<u>and</u>
573	(ii) prioritize awarding partner awards if an appropriation for partner awards is not
574	sufficient to provide a partner award to each individual who is eligible under Subsection (3).
575	(c) (i) Subject to Subsection (4)(c)(ii), the board may continue to award a partner award
576	to a recipient who meets the requirements described in Subsection (3) until the earliest of the
577	following:
578	(A) two years after the individual initially receives a partner award;
579	(B) the recipient uses a partner award to attend an institution for four semesters;
580	(C) the recipient completes the requirements for an associate degree; or
581	(D) if the recipient attends an institution that does not offer associate degrees, the
582	recipient has 60 earned credit hours.
583	(ii) A recipient may not use a partner award to complete more than 900 membership

584	hours.
585	(5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
586	board shall make rules that establish:
587	(a) requirements for an employer to seek and receive approval from the board for the
588	employer's employees to receive partner awards;
589	(b) requirements related to an employer providing reimbursement to an employee who
590	receives a partner award for a portion of the employee's tuition and fees;
591	(c) a process for an individual to apply for a partner award;
592	(d) criteria for the board to prioritize awarding partner awards; and
593	(e) a requirement that an institution shall, for a recipient of a partner award:
594	(i) evaluate the recipient's knowledge, skills, and competencies acquired through
595	formal or informal education outside the traditional postsecondary academic environment; and
596	(ii) award credit, as applicable, for the recipient's prior learning described in Subsection
597	<u>(5)(e)(i).</u>
598	Section 12. Section <b>63G-12-402</b> is amended to read:
599	63G-12-402. Receipt of state, local, or federal public benefits Verification
600	Exceptions Fraudulently obtaining benefits Criminal penalties Annual report.
601	(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3) or when exempted by federal law, an
602	agency or political subdivision of the state shall verify the lawful presence in the United States
603	of an individual at least 18 years of age who applies for:
604	(i) a state or local public benefit as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1621; or
605	(ii) a federal public benefit as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1611, that is administered by an
606	agency or political subdivision of this state.
607	(b) For purpose of a license issued under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction
608	Trades Licensing Act, to an applicant that is an unincorporated entity, the Department of
609	Commerce shall verify in accordance with this Subsection (1) the lawful presence in the United
610	States of each individual who:
611	(i) owns an interest in the contractor that is an unincorporated entity; and
612	(ii) engages, or will engage, in a construction trade in Utah as an owner of the
613	contractor described in Subsection (1)(b)(i).
614	(2) This section shall be enforced without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or

615	national origin.
616	(3) Verification of lawful presence under this section is not required for:
617	(a) any purpose for which lawful presence in the United States is not restricted by law,
618	ordinance, or regulation;
619	(b) assistance for health care items and services that:
620	(i) are necessary for the treatment of an emergency medical condition, as defined in 42
621	U.S.C. Sec. 1396b(v)(3), of the individual involved; and
622	(ii) are not related to an organ transplant procedure;
623	(c) short-term, noncash, in-kind emergency disaster relief;
624	(d) public health assistance for immunizations with respect to immunizable diseases
625	and for testing and treatment of symptoms of communicable diseases whether or not the
626	symptoms are caused by the communicable disease;
627	(e) programs, services, or assistance such as soup kitchens, crisis counseling and
628	intervention, and short-term shelter, specified by the United States Attorney General, in the
629	sole and unreviewable discretion of the United States Attorney General after consultation with
630	appropriate federal agencies and departments, that:
631	(i) deliver in-kind services at the community level, including through public or private
632	nonprofit agencies;
633	(ii) do not condition the provision of assistance, the amount of assistance provided, or
634	the cost of assistance provided on the income or resources of the individual recipient; and
635	(iii) are necessary for the protection of life or safety;
636	(f) the exemption for paying the nonresident portion of total tuition as set forth in
637	Section 53B-8-106;
638	(g) an applicant for a license under Section 61-1-4, if the applicant:
639	(i) is registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority; and
640	(ii) files an application with the state Division of Securities through the Central
641	Registration Depository;
642	(h) a state public benefit to be given to an individual under Title 49, Utah State
643	Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act;
644	(i) a home loan that will be insured, guaranteed, or purchased by:
645	(i) the Federal Housing Administration, the Veterans Administration, or any other

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647	(ii) an enterprise as defined in 12 U.S.C. Sec. 4502;
648	(j) a subordinate loan or a grant that will be made to an applicant in connection with a
649	home loan that does not require verification under Subsection (3)(i);
650	(k) an applicant for a license issued by the Department of Commerce or individual
651	described in Subsection (1)(b), if the applicant or individual provides the Department of
652	Commerce:
653	(i) certification, under penalty of perjury, that the applicant or individual is:
654	(A) a United States citizen;
655	(B) a qualified alien as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1641; or
656	(C) lawfully present in the United States; and
657	(ii) (A) the number assigned to a driver license or identification card issued under Title
658	53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act; or
659	(B) the number assigned to a driver license or identification card issued by a state other
660	than Utah if, as part of issuing the driver license or identification card, the state verifies an
661	individual's lawful presence in the United States; and
662	(l) an applicant for:
663	(i) a Regents' scholarship described in Title 53B, Chapter 8, Part 2, Regents'
664	Scholarship Program;
665	(ii) a New Century scholarship described in Section 53B-8-105; [or]
666	(iii) a promise scholarship described in Section 53B-8-303; or
667	[(iii)] (iv) a privately funded scholarship:
668	(A) for an individual who is a graduate of a high school located within Utah; and
669	(B) administered by an institution of higher education as defined in Section 53B-2-101.
670	(4) (a) An agency or political subdivision required to verify the lawful presence in the
671	United States of an applicant under this section shall require the applicant to certify under
672	penalty of perjury that:
673	(i) the applicant is a United States citizen; or
674	(ii) the applicant is:
675	(A) a qualified alien as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1641; and
676	(B) lawfully present in the United States.

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677	(b) The certificate required under this Subsection (4) shall include a statement advising
678	the signer that providing false information subjects the signer to penalties for perjury.
679	(5) An agency or political subdivision shall verify a certification required under
680	Subsection (4)(a)(ii) through the federal SAVE program.
681	(6) (a) An individual who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or
682	fraudulent statement or representation in a certification under Subsection (3)(k) or (4) is subject
683	to the criminal penalties applicable in this state for:
684	(i) making a written false statement under Subsection 76-8-504(2); and
685	(ii) fraudulently obtaining:
686	(A) public assistance program benefits under Sections 76-8-1205 and 76-8-1206; or
687	(B) unemployment compensation under Section 76-8-1301.
688	(b) If the certification constitutes a false claim of United States citizenship under 18
689	U.S.C. Sec. 911, the agency or political subdivision shall file a complaint with the United
690	States Attorney General for the applicable district based upon the venue in which the
691	application was made.
692	(c) If an agency or political subdivision receives verification that a person making an
693	application for a benefit, service, or license is not a qualified alien, the agency or political
694	subdivision shall provide the information to the Office of the Attorney General unless
695	prohibited by federal mandate.
696	(7) An agency or political subdivision may adopt variations to the requirements of this
697	section that:
698	(a) clearly improve the efficiency of or reduce delay in the verification process; or
699	(b) provide for adjudication of unique individual circumstances where the verification
700	procedures in this section would impose an unusual hardship on a legal resident of Utah.
701	(8) It is unlawful for an agency or a political subdivision of this state to provide a state,
702	local, or federal benefit, as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1611 and 1621, in violation of this section.
703	(9) A state agency or department that administers a program of state or local public

- (9) A state agency or department that administers a program of state or local public benefits shall:
- (a) provide an annual report to the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House regarding its compliance with this section; and
  - (b) (i) monitor the federal SAVE program for application verification errors and

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(ii) Section 53B-8-203;

(iii) Section 53B-8-204; and

708 significant delays; 709 (ii) provide an annual report on the errors and delays to ensure that the application of 710 the federal SAVE program is not erroneously denying a state or local benefit to a legal resident 711 of the state; and 712 (iii) report delays and errors in the federal SAVE program to the United States 713 Department of Homeland Security. 714 Section 13. Section 63I-2-253 is amended to read: 715 63I-2-253. Repeal dates -- Titles 53 through 53G. 716 (1) Section 53A-24-602 is repealed July 1, 2018. 717  $[\frac{(2)}{(1)}]$  (1) (a) Subsections 53B-2a-103(2) and (4) are repealed July 1, 2019. 718 (b) When repealing Subsections 53B-2a-103(2) and (4), the Office of Legislative 719 Research and General Counsel shall, in addition to its authority under Subsection 36-12-12(3), 720 make necessary changes to subsection numbering and cross references. 721  $[\frac{3}{2}]$  (2) (a) Subsection 53B-2a-108(5) is repealed July 1, 2022. (b) When repealing Subsection 53B-2a-108(5), the Office of Legislative Research and 722 723 General Counsel shall, in addition to its authority under Subsection 36-12-12(3), make 724 necessary changes to subsection numbering and cross references. 725 (3) Section 53B-6-105.7 is repealed July 1, 2024. 726 (4) (a) Subsection 53B-7-705(6)(b)(ii)(A), the language that states "Except as provided 727 in Subsection (6)(b)(ii)(B)," is repealed July 1, 2021. 728 (b) Subsection 53B-7-705(6)(b)(ii)(B) is repealed July 1, 2021. 729 (5) (a) Subsection 53B-7-707(4)(a)(ii), the language that states "Except as provided in 730 Subsection (4)(b)," is repealed July 1, 2021. 731 (b) Subsection 53B-7-707(4)(b) is repealed July 1, 2021. 732 (6) Section 53B-8-105 is repealed July 1, 2024. 733 (7) Section 53B-8-112 is repealed July 1, 2024. 734 (8) Section 53B-8-114 is repealed July 1, 2024. 735  $[\frac{(6)}{(9)}]$  (9) (a) The following sections are repealed on July 1, 2023: 736 (i) Section 53B-8-202;

739 (iv) Section 53B-8-205. 740 (b) (i) Subsection 53B-8-201(2) is repealed on July 1, 2023. 741 (ii) When repealing Subsection 53B-8-201(2), the Office of Legislative Research and 742 General Counsel shall, in addition to its authority under Subsection 36-12-12(3), make 743 necessary changes to subsection numbering and cross references. 744 [<del>(7)</del>] (10) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 14, Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project, is 745 repealed July 1, 2023. 746  $[\frac{(8)}{(11)}]$  (11) Subsection 53E-5-306(3)(b)(ii)(B) is repealed July 1, 2020. 747 [9] (12) Section 53E-5-307 is repealed July 1, 2020. 748  $[\frac{(10)}{(13)}]$  (13) Subsections 53F-2-205(4) and (5), the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5, 749 as applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023. 750  $[\frac{(11)}{(11)}]$  (14) Subsection 53F-2-301(1) is repealed July 1, 2023. 751  $[\frac{(12)}{(15)}]$  (15) Subsection 53F-2-515(1), the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5, as 752 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023. 753  $[\frac{(13)}{(16)}]$  (16) Section 53F-4-204 is repealed July 1, 2019. 754  $[\frac{(14)}{(17)}]$  (17) Section 53F-6-202 is repealed July 1, 2020.  $[\frac{(15)}{(18)}]$  (18) Subsection 53F-9-302(3), the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5, as 755 756 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023. 757  $[\frac{(16)}{(19)}]$  (19) Subsection 53F-9-305(3)(a), the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5, as 758 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023. 759  $[\frac{(17)}{(20)}]$  (20) Subsection 53F-9-306(3)(a), the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5, as 760 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023. 761  $[\frac{(18)}{(21)}]$  (21) Subsection 53G-3-304(1)(c)(i), the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5, as 762 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023. 763 [<del>(19)</del>] (22) On July 1, 2023, when making changes in this section, the Office of 764 Legislative Research and General Counsel shall, in addition to the office's authority under 765 Subsection 36-12-12(3), make corrections necessary to ensure that sections and subsections 766 identified in this section are complete sentences and accurately reflect the office's perception of 767 the Legislature's intent. 768 Section 14. Section **63I-2-263** is amended to read: 769 63I-2-263. Repeal dates, Title 63A to Title 63N.

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770	(1) On July 1, 2020:
771	(a) Subsection 63A-3-403(5)(a)(i) is repealed; and
772	(b) in Subsection 63A-3-403(5)(a)(ii), the language that states "appointed on or after
773	May 8, 2018," is repealed.
774	(2) Title 63C, Chapter 19, Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission is
775	repealed July 1, 2020.
776	(3) Subsection 63G-12-402(3)(l)(ii), referring to a New Century scholarship, is
777	repealed on July 1, 2024.
778	[ <del>(3)</del> ] <u>(4)</u> Section 63H-7a-303 is repealed on July 1, 2022.
779	[ <del>(4)</del> ] <u>(5)</u> On July 1, 2019:
780	(a) in Subsection 63J-1-206(2)(c)(i), the language that states "Subsection (2)(c)(ii) and"
781	is repealed; and
782	(b) Subsection 63J-1-206(2)(c)(ii) is repealed.
783	[ <del>(5)</del> ] <u>(6)</u> Section 63J-4-708 is repealed January 1, 2023.
784	[69] (7) Subsection 63N-3-109(2)(f)(i)(B) is repealed July 1, 2020.
785	$[\frac{(7)}{8}]$ Section 63N-3-110 is repealed July 1, 2020.
786	Section 15. Repealer.
787	This bill repeals:
788	Section 53B-8-113, Reporting.
789	Section 16. Appropriation.
790	The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
791	2019, and ending June 30, 2020. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
792	fiscal year 2020. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
793	Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
794	indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.
795	ITEM 1
796	<u>To Board of Regents – Student Assistance</u>
797	From Education Fund, One-time \$30,000,000
798	Schedule of Programs:
799	Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program \$30,000,000
800	The Legislature intends that:

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801	(1) appropriations under this item be used for the Access Utah Promise Scholarship
802	Program described in Title 53B, Chapter 8, Part 3, Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program;
803	(2) the State Board of Regents use money as it becomes available as new awards are no
804	longer granted through a program described in Section 53B-8-114 for the Access Utah Promise
805	Scholarship Program described in Title 53B, Chapter 8, Part 3, Access Utah Promise
806	Scholarship Program; and
807	(3) under Section 64J-1-603, appropriations provided under this item not lapse at the
808	close of fiscal year 2020 and the use of any nonlapsing funds is limited to the purposes
809	described in Title 53B, Chapter 8, Part 3, Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program.
810	Section 17. Coordinating H.B. 260 with S.B. 14 Substantive language.
811	If this H.B. 260 and S.B. 14, Education Reporting Requirements, both pass and become
812	law, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Legislative Research and General
813	Counsel prepare the Utah Code database for publication by:
814	(1) inserting the following language as a new Subsection 53B-1-301(1)(g):
815	"(g) the report described in Section 53B-8-303 by the State Board of Regents regarding
816	Access Utah promise scholarships;";
817	(2) deleting the language in Subsection 53B-1-301(1)(e) that reads "(e) the report
818	described in Section 53B-8-113 by the board on the Public Safety Officer Career Advancement
819	Reimbursement Program;"; and
820	(3) renumbering remaining subsections accordingly.